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# LAWS AND REGULATIONS, &c.

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## CHAP. I.

### OF ORDINARY MEETINGS.

#### I.

**T**HE Society to convene on the first Thursday of November, and continue every Thursday till the last week in April. The president is to take the chair, and constitute the society, precisely at ten minutes past six o'clock. The roll then to be called; and every ordinary member not answering to his name shall, at each roll-call, be fined sixpence.

#### II.

The roll to be called each night, at the commencement of private business; after the discussion of the Latin paper, and at the expiration of private business.

#### III.

No member can petition for leave of absence, within four weeks of the time of giving in his dissertations.

#### IV.

Leave of absence not to be considered as an excuse for not giving in dissertations.

#### V.

Any member residing in Edinburgh, who is absent from three successive meetings, without having made an

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appeal

appeal within that time, shall incur the penalty of expulsion, unless sickness has prevented him from sending his appeal to the society.

## VI.

The private business to continue only one hour. For medical communications but half an hour will be allowed.

## CHAP. II.

### OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

#### I.

An extraordinary meeting to be held on the first Saturday of January, at one o'clock, to receive proposals for the alteration or amendment of the laws. Every ordinary member, if absent, shall be fined sixpence, each roll-call.

#### II.

From the first Thursday of June, to the first Thursday of November, inclusively, there shall be an extraordinary meeting of the society on the first Thursday of every month, to discuss papers, if that may seem necessary, or to regulate such matters as may come before them, either remaining from the preceding, or preparatory to the ensuing ordinary meetings; and every residing ordinary member, who absents himself from these meetings, shall be fined sixpence, each roll-call.

#### III.

If any member propose an extraordinary meeting, the president shall direct the society to convene, within forty-eight hours, if the business be considered by the society as sufficiently important.

#### IV.

## IV.

If the business is not considered as of sufficient importance, the member who proposed the extraordinary meeting shall be fined two shillings and sixpence; and those members who spoke in favour of such meetings, shall, if absent, incur a similar fine.

## CHAP. III.

## ORDER OF PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Society constituted, and roll called.
2. Minutes of the preceding evening read.
3. Dissertations for transcription given in.
4. Authors for the ensuing evening announced.
5. Visitors for the ensuing evening appointed.
6. Petitions for seats determined.
7. Petitions for seats read.
8. Reports of Committees received.
9. Fines collected.
10. Motions determined.
11. Motions made.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. New members to sign the laws.
14. Society adjourned.

## CHAP. IV.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. Society constituted.
2. Medical news called for.
3. Latin paper for the evening's discussion read by the author.
4. Latin paper for the evening's discussion read by the president.

5. Roll called.
6. Society adjourned for five minutes.
7. Society constituted.
8. English paper, for the evening's discussion, read by  
by the author.
9. English paper, for the evening's discussion, read by  
the president.
10. Roll-call, and society adjourned.

## C H A P. V. O F P R E S I D E N T S.

### I.

On the last ordinary meeting of November, four annual presidents shall be elected, and the manner of election shall be as follows: Each member, according to seniority, shall deliver in a list of four gentlemen, whom he votes for. The president shall immediately appoint the five oldest members to examine the number of votes for each; after which a report will be made.

### II.

In the absence of the president, the oldest member shall officiate.

### III.

The president may prevent any member from speaking more than twice, on the same subject, in private business.

### IV.

The presidents are to officiate in their turns, according to seniority. And if the president in rotation be absent at the hour of meeting, without having obtained another president to act in his place, he shall be fined two shillings and sixpence.

### V. The



## V.

The president shall attend to, and regulate the debates ; and for any irregularity, he may impose a fine, not exceeding two shillings and sixpence : He is to censure any personal, or unpolite expression, and if the offending member refuse to make such concessions, as the majority of the society shall think proper, he shall be immediately expelled.

## VI.

The president may grant leave of absence to one in eight of the members present.

## VII.

If the president in the chair enters into the debates, he shall be fined sixpence.

## VIII.

The president omitting to have the fines marked, as the laws require, shall incur an equal fine.

## IX.

Should the president omit to sign the minutes of the evening, he shall incur a fine of two shillings and sixpence.

## X.

Extraordinary members, who are appointed presidents, are to be enrolled, and attend as ordinary members, but are to be exempt from contributions, or writing of papers.

## C H A P. VI.

## OF THE TREASURER.

A treasurer is to be elected, on the same day that the presidents are chosen. The funds of the society are to be entrusted to his care, and he is to be responsible to the society.

society. He is to give in a state of them at any time when called upon. Should he prove negligent, or unfaithful in his office, another is to be substituted in his place.

## C H A P. VII. OF THE SECRETARY.

### I.

At the beginning of every session, or on a vacancy, any gentleman, properly qualified, may petition for the office of secretary: such petition to be balloted for, and determined by a majority.

### II.

He shall take care to mark the fines, provide any necessaries the society may direct, and call the roll. He shall also insert in a book, provided for the purpose, the whole of the private business, at the end of each meeting, which is to be signed by the president.

### III.

The secretary, for every neglect of duty, shall be fined a sum not exceeding five shillings.

## C H A P. VIII. OF DISSERTATIONS.

### I.

On the third ordinary meeting in March, each member shall, under the penalty of five shillings and sixpence, deliver into the hands of the president, the subject of the dissertations on which they propose to write the ensuing winter. A committee shall be appointed to determine the propriety of them; and if two or more propose the same subject,

subject,

subject, the senior member is to have his choice, and the rest make a new one. If any subject be rejected by the committee as improper, the member from whom it came shall, under the same penalty, deliver in another at the next meeting, to be judged of by the Committee.

## II.

At the first meeting in November, the two oldest ordinary members shall deliver into the president their papers; the first his Latin, the second his English dissertation, to be discussed: and on the same night, the latter is to give in his Latin, and the first his English dissertation, for transcription, which are to be discussed on the night following, and so on in rotation.

## III.

Any member, not giving in his dissertation at the time appointed, shall be fined five shillings for each neglect.

## IV.

Any member, prevented by indisposition, or by absence from town, and who cannot write in the order of the list, shall be considered as the first to furnish papers, on his return to the society.

## V.

Every author, who is absent more than ten minutes during the discussion of his paper, shall be fined two shillings and sixpence; and if absent the whole night, he shall be fined five shillings, beside the usual fines of non-attendance.

## VI.

No member to be absent more than half an hour, under the penalty of sixpence: the time of going out, to be specified, and given in to the president. But should a roll-call

call intervene, he is also subject to the fines of non-attendance.

## C H A P. IX.

### ADMISSION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

#### I.

Petitions for seats must lie on the table one week, previous to their determination by ballot. One negative in six, shall be sufficient to reject.

#### II.

Every petition for an ordinary seat, must be signed by three residing members of the society, before it can be balloted for, certifying the propriety of such petition being admitted.

#### III.

The president to read the obligation to the new members, before they sign the laws.

#### IV.

Each member, on admission, to pay the sum of half a guinea, with sixpence for a copy of the laws.

#### V.

No petition to be twice balloted for on the same evening, unless there is a mistake discovered in the ballot.

#### VI.

No petition to be received from the same candidate oftener than three times, in the same session.

#### VII.

Admissions only to take place, between the first Thursday of November, and the last Thursday in April.



## CHAP. X.

### EXTRAORINARY MEMBERS.

#### I.

Every member, who shall have delivered into the society papers twice ; or attended one session, and written two papers, if they have taken a doctor's degree, or surgeon's diploma, shall become extraordinary members.

#### II.

Extraordinary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary members ; and shall also be exempt from fines of roll-calls, and contributions.

## CHAP. XI.

### OF VISITORS.

#### I.

Six visitors are to be appointed each night, one by the president, three by the ordinary members in rotation, and one by each author. Should any member object to a visitor, his admission is to be decided by ballot, when eight negatives shall reject.

#### II.

Four extraordinary visitors may be appointed each night.

#### III

The same gentleman cannot be appointed a visitor, above three times in one session.

## CHAP. XII. OF MOTIONS.

### I.

All motions must lie on the table for one week, if objected to by any of the members.

### II.

Every motion to be determined by a majority ; and if the votes be equal, the president in the chair shall, under the penalty of five shillings, give a casting vote, *viva voce*.

### III.

The gentleman, who makes a motion, if rejected, shall be fined one shilling ; and, if he withdraw his motion, he shall be fined sixpence.

## CHAP. XIII. OF COMMITTEES.

### I.

The society shall appoint a committee of fines, and a committee of motions every month.

### II.

Members belonging to committees shall be fined one shilling, if they neglect to attend the business for which they were appointed.

### III.

The mode of appointing committees shall be as follows ; viz. The president shall nominate one member,  
who

who is again to name a second, and so on till five be appointed : But if the business be of great importance, any member has liberty of moving that the committee be chosen by ballot, which is to be done immediately. Should such motion be rejected, the member shall not incur a fine.

#### CHAP. XIV.

### TRANSCRIPTION OF DISSERTATIONS.

The dissertations are to be transcribed into books provided for that purpose. Each author to pay for the transcription of his papers.

#### CHAP. XV.

### OBLIGATION.

Every member signing his name to the laws of the Hibernian Medical Society, pledges his word and honour that he will, to the utmost of his power, exert himself to promote its interest, and honour ; and also that he will never agree to any measure destructive of its institution.

#### CHAP. XVI.

### A P P E A L S.

#### I.

No excuse to be admitted for non-attendance, except indisposition, attendance at a medical lecture, at a delivery, or absence more than two miles from town.

#### II.

Any member may appeal in cases that do not come within the preceding law ; but the validity of his appeal

must, in every case, be determined by the committee of fines.

### III.

Any member making an invalid appeal, to be fined one shilling.

### IV.

If any member be dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, he may appeal to the society at large ; and if the society shall confirm the decree of the committee, the member so appealing, shall be fined in double the sum of the original fine, exclusive of the fine inflicted by the committee, for the invalid appeal.

## C H A P. XVII.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

#### I.

Any member, who has leave of absence, shall be prevented from speaking or voting in the society during private business, until his time of absence be expired.

#### II.

The debts to be collected the last meeting of every month. Any gentleman neglecting to discharge his debts, shall incur a penalty of one shilling weekly, for such neglect, after that period ; and if they are not paid in two months, he shall be expelled.

#### III.

Any member divulging the secrets of the society, shall pay a fine of five shillings.

#### IV. Any



## IV.

Any gentleman who answers to the name of another, at the roll-calling, shall incur a fine of five shillings.

## V.

No gentleman can resign, within six weeks of the time of giving in his papers.

## VI.

No verbal apology, or resignation will be, on any account, received from absent members.

## VII.

The authors of the dissertations shall be impugners, and censors for the succeeding night: The impugner not having made remarks on the papers, or the censor not having performed his duty, shall be fined in the sum of one shilling.

## VIII.

Any member dissatisfied with the conduct of a president, may accuse him, and the accusation must be brought before an extraordinary meeting; when if it be judged futile, the accuser shall pay five shillings. But if he has accused him improperly, with a view to deposition, he shall pay ten shillings and sixpence. And any member reflecting publicly, on the conduct of the president, without accusing him, shall also pay ten shillings and sixpence.

## IX.

Any member leaving Edinburgh indebted to the society, in the sum of two shillings and sixpence, or upwards, shall, *ipso facto*, be expelled.

## X. The

## X.

The names of members who have resigned their seats in the society, are not to be inserted in any future edition of the laws.

## XI.

Any member who has been expelled the society, shall have his name inserted in the printed edition of the laws, with the word *expelled* annexed to it, and the cause thereof.

## C H A P. XVIII.

## D I P L O M A S.

## I.

Any member may petition for a diploma; which shall be given to him, unless disapproved of by one third of the society.

## II.

No gentleman can have a diploma, if he be indebted to the society, or within six weeks of giving in his papers.

FORM of a DIPLOMA for an Ordinary Member.

SOCIETAS MEDICA HIBERNICA,

A. D. MDCC LXXXVI Edinburgi instituta,

Omnibus ad quos hæc pervenerint

Salutem.

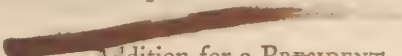
Ingenuus eruditissimusque vir A. B. dum socius apud nos per            interfuit, plurima, non solum ingenii felicitis, sed etiam diligentiae insignis, exempla in medium protulit. Cujus rei quo major sit fides, hæcce literas,  
manibus

manibus nostris sigilloque munitis, lubentissime donamus.

Datum Edinburgi, &c.

For an Extraordinary Member the following clause is added to that of the ordinary :

Item testamur, eum, dum apud nos interfuit, sedem extraordinariam adeptum esse,

  
Addition for a PRESIDENT.

Quinctiam testamur, eum, liberis sociorum suffragiis, ad Praefidis annui honorem societatis supremum evectum esse, suaque munera deinceps ornate et honorifice explevisse.

#### DIPLOMA for HONORARY MEMBERS.

EX SOCIETATIS MEDICÆ HIBERNICÆ,  
Edinburgi A. D. MDCC LXXXVI institutæ,  
Decreto.

Quoniam egregios omnes artis Hippocraticæ quam profitemur fautores, assiduo studio, ut artem ipsam, veneramur, et socios inter nostros numerari exoptamus, ut conventibus nostris quandoque intersint, suaque doctrina disputationes nostras illuminent; te, virum eximium SOCIUM HONORARIUM nostrum lubenter, hisce literis, parva observantiæ nostræ tessera, dicimus et creamus: Ut bene semper valeas, nostrum memineris, studiisque nostris faveas, orantes. Votaque hæc nostra, nominibus subsignatis, sigilloque appenso, confirmamus.

Datum Edinburgi, &c.

LIST OF THE MEMBERS  
OF THE  
HIBERNIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
FROM ITS FIRST INSTITUTION.

\* Those marked with Asterisks have officiated as Presidents.

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

1786. Dec. 28. William Cullen, M. D. and P. Edinburgh,  
Joseph Black, M. D. and C. P. Edinburgh,  
Alexander Monroe, M. D. and A. P. Edinburgh,  
Francis Home, M. D. and M. M. P. Edinburgh,  
James Gregory, M. D. and P. Edinburgh,  
Daniel Rutherford, M. D. and B. P. Edinburgh,  
1787. Jan. 11. George Cleghorn, M. D. Dublin,  
Robert Percival, M. D. Dublin,  
Edmund Cullen, M. D. Dublin,  
Stephen Dickson, M. D. Dublin,  
25. Andrew Duncan, M. D. and P. Edinburgh,  
Rev. Charles Webster, M. D. Edinburgh,  
Feb. 8. John Aitken, M. D. Edinburgh,  
John Purcel, M. D.

1788. April 1. Rev. Samuel Martin Stephenfon, M. D.  
 R. Keirnan, M. D.  
 George Fordyce, M. D.  
 John Whitehead, M. D.
1790. April 15. William Charles Little, Esq. of Liberton.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS.

1786. Dec. 14. Thomas Wallace, M. D. Tyrone  
 James Johnstone, Chirurgus, Tyrone  
 James Trimble, M. D. Tyrone  
 \* George M<sup>c</sup>Farquhar Lawfon, M. D. Jamaica  
 James Sweeney, ~~M. D. Monaghan~~ *no M. D.*  
 \* James Reynolds, M. D. Tyrone  
 David Fleming, M. D. Tyrone  
 Josias Gamble, M. D. Fermanagh  
 \* John Simpson, M. D. Armagh  
 Michael Hamilton Jacob, Chirurgus,  
 Queen's County  
 Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Dowal, Chirurgus, Derry  
 James Grier, M. D. Mayo  
 Arthur Vaifey, Armagh  
 James Mitchel, Chirurgus, Monaghan  
 \* John Dobbín, Armagh
- Dec. 28. \* John Starrat, M. D. Derry  
 Thomas Logan, Chirurgus, Monaghan  
 Charles Stewart, M. D.
1787. Jan. 4. Nicholas Bindon, M. D. Limerick  
 \* Richard Waddy, Wexford  
 11. Samuel Addifon, M. D. Cumberland  
 18. James Caldwell, M. D. Dublin



1787. Feb. 5. George Scrymzeour, Chirurgus, Falkirk

8. \* William Hamilton Taylor, Antrim

1787. March 1. Montgomery Nixon, M. D. Fermanagh

1788. Jan. 3. \* Edward Collis, of Barrow

\* William Pym, Edinburgh

Herbert Kelly, M. D. Westmeath

\* Edward Spencer, Wilts

John Maharg, Down

William Moffat, Edinburgh, *expelled* for  
disrespect to the society

*no* (Chirurgus) Robert Kennedy, Chirurgus, Tyrone

10. Alexander Gibb, Edinburgh

17. \* James Irvin, Meath

Robert Reilly, Chirurgus, Cavan

Feb. 7. James Elliot, Chirurgus, Edinburgh

15. James Cugnoni, M. D. London

Nov. 13. John White, Shaftesbury

27. \* Adair Blackwell, Belfast

Dec. 11. John Bartlet, Edinburgh

1789. Nov. 5. \* Charles Angier, London *M.D.*

Nov. 12. Alexander Aitchison, Edinburgh

Dec. 3. William Percival Pickford, Lancashire

1890. Jan. 7. James Dougal, Londonderry

Feb. 11. James Welsh, Dumfries

March 25. Thomas Wilson, M. D. Donaghadee

April 1. James Corrie, Ayr *M.D.*

15. \* James Geddes, Gibraltar

*Harold* Nov. 25. ~~James~~ Mulvey, Chirurgus, Dublin.

## ORDINARY MEMBERS.

1786. Dec. 14. James Swanzy, Monaghan  
 Joseph M'Murray, Monaghan  
 James Fleming, Tyrone  
 Francis Deignan, Leitrim  
 \* Christopher Downer, Tipperary  
 John Kennedy, Tyrone  
 William Boyde, Edinburgh  
 Michael Reynolds, Donegal  
 \* Daniel Williams, Corke
28. Alexander Reid, Edinburgh  
 Alexander Balderston, Linlithgow
1787. Jan. 4. Drought Haslem, King's County  
 George Mossman, Tweeddale
11. Kenneth McKay, Ulster
18. Robert Duncan, E. Lothian  
 R. N. Welsh, Cork
25. James Brydone, Lothian
1788. Jan. 3. Thomas Houghton, Cheshire  
 John M'Culloch, Liverpool  
 \* Rev. Robert Rogers Lowry, A. M.  
 Down  
 Thomas Henry Hull, Down  
 Miles Brown, Yorkshire  
 John Turnbull, East Lothian  
 Stephen Thomson, Cumberland  
 James Wylie, Perth  
 Michael Dowling, Queen's County  
 James Hogg, Mid Lothian
10. John Dunn, Down  
 John Gardiner, Lincolnshire

- John Stodart, Perth
1788. Jan. 17. John Nisbit, Meath  
 William Robinson, Monaghan  
 John Girling, Suffolk  
 Adam Thomson, Dumfries  
 John Carnie, Glasgow  
 John M'Mordie, Banbridge
- Feb. 4. Joseph Thomson, Antrim  
 Edward Everard, Tipperary, *expelled* for  
 not paying his debts
7. \* Robert Gray, Fort William  
 Peter Simpson, S. Shields, *expelled* for  
 not paying his debts
22. Gibson Clator, Tipperary
27. William Hawdon, Newcastle
- Nov. 13. Edward Vaifey, Wilts  
 Simon Frazer, Quebec  
 Joseph Casey, *expelled* for not paying his  
 debts
1789. Feb. 26. William Dick, Chirurgus, Dundee, *ex-  
 pelled* for not paying his debts
- Nov. 5. Alexander Milroy, Galloway  
 George Gibb, Edinburgh  
 Andrew King, Ballibofey
1790. Jan. 7. John Drew, Dublin
- March 25. John Graham, Maghrafelt  
 Hugh Gant, Monaghan
- April 1. J. A. Williams, Plymouth  
 William Carson, Galloway  
 John Johnston
15. James Veitch, Chirurgus, Edinburgh
- Nov. 18. Thomas Shank, Stranraer
25. Nicholas Sinnett, Dublin  
 Edward Carolan, Carrick in Cross

1790. Nov. 25. J. H. Colclough, Wexford  
 James Stitt, Dungannon  
 William Hamilton, Dungannon  
 George Campbell, Moneymore  
 J. D. Campbell, Clonmel
- Dec. 2. John Riddle, Monaghan  
 Robert Dunlap, Armagh  
 J. T. Murray, Tyrone  
 John Gamble, Tyrone  
 Gerald Fitzgerald, Kildare  
 John Crilly, Ballynahinch  
 Thomas Sutton, Rathdrum  
 John Tomlinson, Wicklow  
 Difney Alexander, Yorkshire
16. Ad. B. Douglas, Dublin  
 Richard Pearson, Chester le Street  
 James Turnbull, East Lothian
23. William Patterson, Londonderry  
 Alexander Sinclair, Derry  
 Charles Hamilton, Donegal  
 Stewart Crawford, Tyrone  
 William Ledger, Tipperary.

## ANNUAL PRESIDENTS.

For the Session 1786—7.

James Swanzey  
 Daniel Williams  
 John Simpson, M. D.  
 Christopher Downer

Feb. 15. James Reynolds, M. D. elected on the  
 departure of Daniel Williams

For the Session 1787—8.

George McF. Lawfon, M. D.

John Dobbin

Richard Waddy

Rev. Robert Rogers Lowry, A. M.

For the Session 1788—9.

William Hamilton Taylor

Edward Collis

Edward Spencer

Robert Gray.

For the Session 1789—90.

Edward Collis, re-elected

Adair Blackwell

John James Erskine

James Elliot, Chirurgus

John Starrat, M. D. elected on the departure of James Elliot.

For the Session 1790—1.

Edward Collis, honorary President

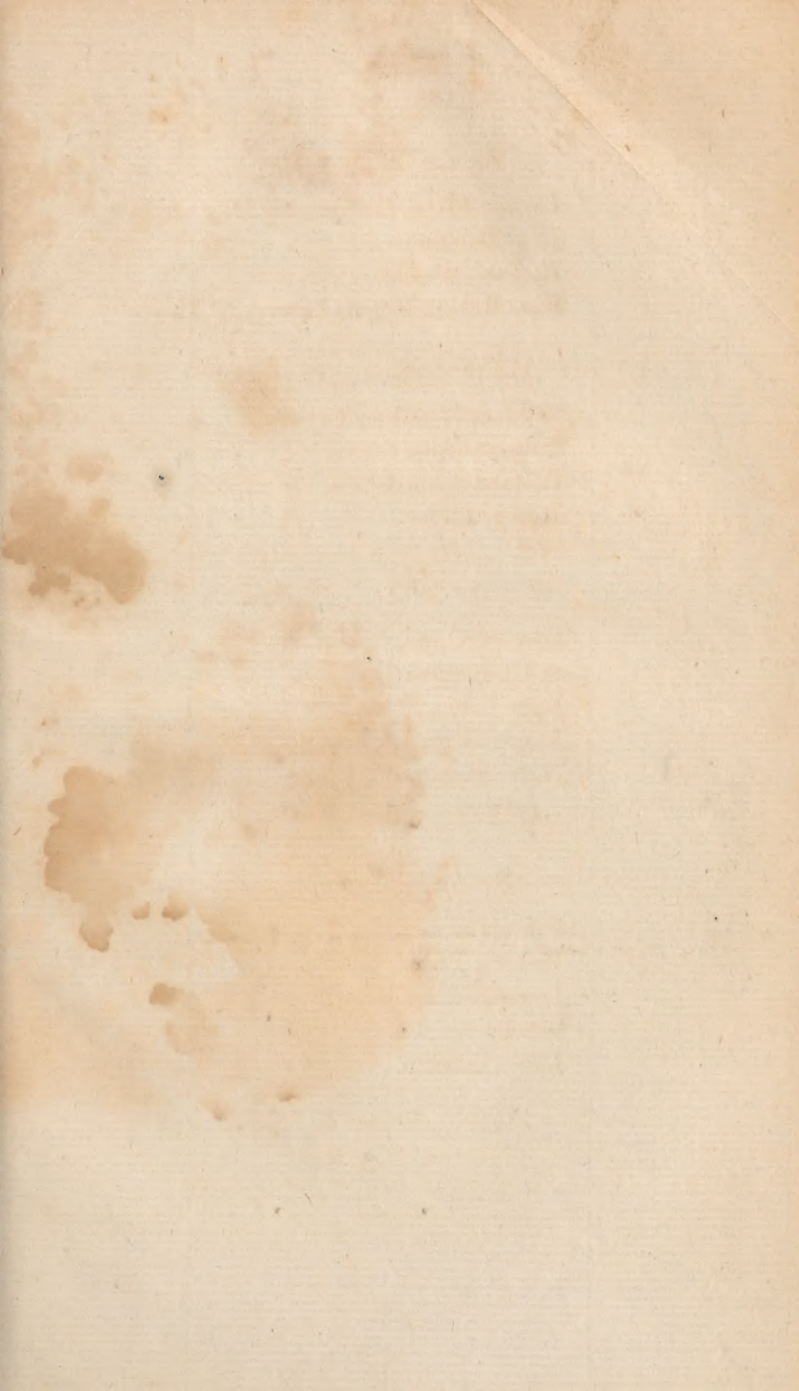
William Pym

James Irvine

Charles Angier

James Geddes.







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